

# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to all students, parents and staff. Holidays certainly provide an opportunity for a well-deserved break and a time to relax, and I trust that everyone had an enjoyable time during the two week vacation. The mild spring weather provided the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, and the AFL grand final win by the Hawks certainly brought jubilation to the King household!

Staff have returned looking very refreshed and we have welcomed our new Assistant Principal, **Mr Jamie Jaquinta** to our school. I spent some time over the holidays meeting with Mr Jaquinta, sharing insight and knowledge about our wonderful school and community, and he is very much looking forward to working with everyone.

Our maintenance manager, **Mr Michael North** has been working hard during the break establishing new garden beds outside the ICT room. His work and craftsmanship is always of the highest quality and we thank him for all his endeavours and commitment to beautifying our school grounds.

I trust that everyone is looking forward to the challenges and highlights of the final school term. We have many events and activities happening and we ask that you continue to consult the Wednesday Weekly in order to be kept informed.

Please remember that our SunSmart Policy stipulates that all children and staff are required to wear a hat outside in the playground throughout Term 4. Children found not wearing a hat will be required to sit in an undercover area as a precaution against exposure to UV. It is also a requirement that sunscreen be applied prior to children coming to school and throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has either a roll-on or small bottle of sunscreen in their bag for reapplication during the day.

### PLANNING FOR 2015

Planning for next year is well underway and to assist with the process, we need to have an accurate student enrolment figure. Our school funding is based on the total number of enrolments which in turn determines our grade structure and programs on offer. In consolidating our indicative student numbers for 2015, it is important that

families inform us if their child/children will be leaving Watsonia North at the end of the year (other than Year 6 students). If this is the case, could you please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

### CHILDREN'S PLACEMENT FOR 2015

In the coming weeks, staff will be preparing grade lists for 2015. If parents/guardians would like staff to consider information relevant to the placement of their child for next year, please personally contact **Jamie Jaquinta** (Assistant Principal) or myself by Friday 24 October. **All considerations must be in writing** and it will not be possible to consider any such information beyond this date.

Information that parents/guardians provide regarding placement for next year should refer to the following only:

- Information relating to specific teaching and learning needs, particularly those identified in the child's Individual Learning Improvement Plan;
- Information about a child's social and emotional needs, for example, issues regarding placement with other children.

Please note that **specific teacher requests are not accepted** due to the difficulty it creates in trying to meet everyone's requests and the negative effect it has on teacher status and morale. At Watsonia North we are fortunate to have an excellent team of staff who offer high quality teaching in all areas and programs. Parents can have confidence that the placement of a child with any teacher is a positive and well considered placement.

*Tina King* (Principal)

### CHILDREN NOT RETURNING IN 2015

Names of children not returning:

..... Rm .....

..... Rm: .....

Reason for Transfer:

School your child/ren will be transferring to:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

## AS MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ....

What a wonderful start to Term 4 it has been. The moment I stepped through the gates of WNPS the strong sense of "community" was evident and it has been terrific to meet all the students, staff and many parents already. The highlight of my first day was when two students, came into my office with a newspaper clipping of the AFL CEO Gill McLachlan – they seemed to think that Gill and I were "separated at birth" and to them, there was an uncanny resemblance between Gill and I. After assuring them that I was not related, the two boys left my office with rather large grins on their faces. The clipping now is pinned up on my whiteboard, and I must say, a smile does appear on my face whenever I glance up at it.

Another thing that has quickly grabbed my attention is the hard working and dedicated staff and the world class learning taking place. I've managed to pop into all the rooms in the school and in each instance students were highly engaged and eager to share their thinking and of course asked me a variety of questions, like;

- Was I nervous about my coming to WNPS? *No, I'm excited to be here and looking forward to a bright and successful future.*
- What AFL team did I barrack for? *Collingwood otherwise known as 2015 Premiers!* (It will be a long 12 months as Mrs King will be celebrating Hawthorn's win for some time I think!)

Finally, to all those people who have made me feel so welcome – I am truly grateful and I'm looking forward to helping continue to build a productive, happy and successful school community for all.

Thank you, Jamie Jaquinta (Assistant Principal)



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Hi everyone!

Welcome back for our last term of 2014. Somebody told me the other day there is only 11 Fridays until Christmas, scary scary!! We have started the term with a welcome to a couple of families we haven't seen for a while ..... great to catch up with them and amazing how the children have grown. We have spent the past couple of days hearing all of the children's holiday news. The variety of places they have been to and the experiences they have enjoyed are enormous. Such lucky little children spending the families hard earned dollars. Great to see everyone looking so well and rested.

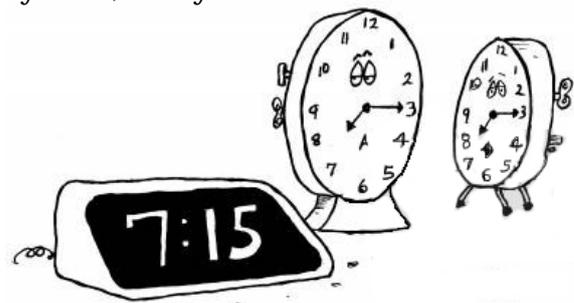
Our Gardening Gurus have spent the beginning of this week feverishly planting seedlings to ensure they grow in time for harvesting before the end of the school term. Radishes, strawberries, beans, petunias and lettuce will be nurtured with tender loving care as we watch with enthusiasm as they pop their little heads up calling out 'pick me, pick me'!!

To assist with the children with their 'clock education', we are providing them with several fun activities to help them along the way. Often these days we find the children confused with the connection between the analogue clock and the digital clock. With the trend of the decorative analogue clock appearing in the shops again it is a perfect opportunity to include this theme in our planning.

AASC will operate again this term for the last time. We have organised Netball on Tuesday afternoons and Tennis on Thursday afternoons. This will commence the third week of term for seven weeks.

Please contact me if you would like assistance with Cool Care – have a great term!

Stay Cool, Jenny

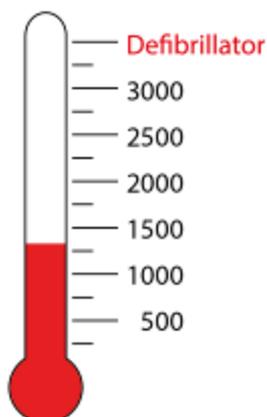


"I have no idea what makes that guy tick."



Our students in Years 3-6 had their First Aid session with presenters from the St Johns First Aid in Schools Program. The session for Preps to Year 2 will be held on TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

We are still collecting donations for our project to raise funds for the purchase of a defibrillator for our school, so if you haven't already done so, please send along \$2 or any other amount your family would like to donate. The total amount raised to date is \$1367.00 – thank you to everyone who has already donated – your support has been outstanding!



All families were sent a note yesterday regarding the Leader Newspaper Local Grant of \$1000 which our school could win to help us achieve our goal. All members of your family can vote (you need to register to be able to vote and all that is needed is an email address, together with your name). Each registered person is given 10 votes and these can be used on whatever project you wish – hopefully all ten votes will come to us!

To vote, visit:

<http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/current-ideas>

The article below featured in the Diamond Valley News during the school holidays – just in case you missed it, here it is!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

## School's defibrillator bid needs shock to the system

FIRST aid is a major focus for the 505 students at Watsonia North Primary School.

Office manager Jill Lewis said about 20 students suffered anaphylaxis, which inspired the school to implement the St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools program during Term 4.

She said the school wanted to buy a defibrillator for emergency situations, but it would cost \$3400.

"We could buy a less expensive model, but we would have to change the pads to treat a child and, in an emergency, that wastes valuable time," Mrs Lewis said.

The school community has already raised more than \$1000, but Mrs Lewis has applied for a Leader Local Grant to get them closer to their goal.

The grants program celebrates initiatives that benefit communities and has 33 \$1000 grants up for grabs across Melbourne.

The scheme, now in its third year, has given away \$133,000 since it started.

Readers vote for their favourite ideas and the ones with the most votes win.

Visit [leaderlocalgrants.com.au](http://leaderlocalgrants.com.au) and follow the steps to nominate a project. Applications close this Friday.



Students Charli, Amv and Hunter chart their progress towards buying a defibrillator.

Picture: DENNIS MANKTELOW

# CLASS ACTS \ CHERYL CRITCHLEY MEETS OLIVIA FERRONATO

I study ... English, maths, PE, art, music, inquiry.

I am good at ... singing, drama, art and speaking before a large audience, which I do every week at assembly in my role as school vice-captain. I think that one of my strengths is that I am a very creative person and have a passion for designing outfits.

I need to improve ... my ability to work with fractions and decimals when solving problems.

Funniest school memory \ When I was making my school captain speech last year, I walked onto the stage and dropped all the pages I was holding.

My special talent is ... singing, as I am in the Australian Girls Choir. This involves weekly rehearsals and several performances throughout the year at Hamer Hall and Robert Blackwood Hall. I also love being creative and using my artistic and design skills to paint, draw and make things.

To be this good I had to ... try my hardest, audition, practise and not stress about it.

I use my talent to ... gain confidence in the variety of roles and responsibilities I have this year.

My school encourages talent by ... giving us lots of opportunities to be the best we can be, hosting special events to showcase our talents or special skills and always encouraging us to aim high and never give up.

What is more important - talent or hard work? While talent is a great thing, whether you're good at something or not it's always the hard work that you put in that makes the difference.

Are kids spoilt compared with their parents? I don't think it's fair to say that. People choose to be who they are.

Should primary pupils walk to school? It's understandable for people who live far away if they can't walk to school but, if you can, walking is great for your health.

Are kids your age addicted to technology? Not greatly, but maybe a bit.

Do primary students use social networking? Some students do but generally to communicate with family and friends.

At what age should you get a mobile phone? At the youngest, 13. I think it's important to have one when you start secondary school to make it easier to communicate with parents.

Is bullying a problem in primary school? I guess it could be but fortunately it isn't a problem at our school.

How can we fight it? Stand up for each other and encourage everyone to be kind and considerate.

When I finish school I ... want to be a fashion designer; it is just something that makes me so happy! If I'm bored I just get out my sketchbooks and jot down any ideas that pop into my head.

Is there anything girls can't do that boys can? We are all capable of the same things.

Is money more important than friendship? Money is a need in life but friendship is more important by far!

If I was granted a wish to improve the world it would be ... world peace.

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## PE & Sport News

### TERM 4 DATES

- Division Athletics – 8 October
- Region Athletics – 15 October
- Prep-2 Tabloid Sports morning – 28 October
- Division Softball – Girls (selected students only): 29 October
- Division Basketball – Boys & Girls (selected students only): 31 October
- Hooptime Regional Finals Boys & Girls – 6 November
- Rugby State Finals – Year 6 Girls (selected students only) – 25 November

### DOC COMMUNITY CUP

On Saturday 4 October, Watsonia North PS entered a team in the DOC Community Cup Soccer Tournament held at Ivanhoe Grammar, Mernda.

Over 20 schools were in attendance on the day, WNPS played 4 x 40 minute games, and qualified for the finals on the Sunday. The final was a fantastic match – we were up against School Sport Victoria 2014 Semi-Finalists – after 40 minutes, it was 0-0. Unfortunately we lost 5-4 in a penalty shootout. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the boys and their families for supporting the Community Cup competition and to MR WHITESIDE for giving up his weekend to help with the coaching – AWESOME EFFORT TEAM!

**Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)**



**FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER**

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FOR ALL THE "STAR AND SKY GAZERS" OUT THERE, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TONIGHT!

It will be a total lunar eclipse and will happen during the evening, which means it should be relatively easy to watch.

As a total lunar eclipse, the event will entail the moon passing through the Earth's shadow, darkening and going a reddish colour. The fact it is a total eclipse means it is also a full moon on this night. This action will start at 7.17pm and go until 12.32am the next day, but the main eclipse will be from 9.27pm to 10.22pm.

If you get to see it, make sure to share what you saw with your friends and teacher the next day. It's a good excuse to stay up late!!!

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